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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 123

Introduced by Assembly Member Harkey

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March 25, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 123—Relative to Arthritis Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 123, as amended, Harkey. Arthritis Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of May 2014 as Arthritis Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Arthritis includes more than 100 rheumatic diseases
- 2 and conditions that affect joints, the tissues that surround joints,
- 3 and other connective tissue; and

1 WHEREAS, Arthritis is a chronic health problem and the
2 nation's leading cause of physical disability among Americans
3 and is most common among people with multiple chronic
4 conditions; and

5 WHEREAS, Arthritis causes pain and loss of movement, can
6 limit everyday activities such as walking and dressing, and can
7 even lead to death; and

8 WHEREAS, An estimated 52.5 million adults in the United
9 States are living with some form of doctor-diagnosed arthritis,
10 representing approximately 22.7 percent of adults in the United
11 States; and

12 WHEREAS, An estimated 300,000 children under 18 years of
13 age, or approximately one in 250 children, in the United States
14 have some form of arthritis or rheumatic condition; and

15 WHEREAS, Approximately one-half of all adults with heart
16 disease or diabetes also have arthritis; and

17 WHEREAS, Arthritis costs the United States economy more
18 than \$128 billion each year, with \$81 billion in direct medical care
19 costs and \$47 billion in indirect costs; and

20 WHEREAS, Arthritis results in approximately 992,100
21 hospitalizations and 44 million outpatient visits each year; and

22 WHEREAS, In California there are more than 5.3 million people
23 living with arthritis, including 38,000 children; and

24 WHEREAS, An estimated 67 million adults 18 years of age and
25 older will have doctor-diagnosed arthritis by the year 2030; now,
26 therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
28 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature understands the extent
29 of, and sympathizes with, the severity of the impact of arthritis on
30 Californians; and be it further

31 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes the month of May
32 2014 as Arthritis Awareness Month and appreciates the efforts of
33 the California Arthritis Foundation Council to seek access to care
34 for all Californians; and be it further

35 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
36 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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